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SUBJ: INDIA AGREES TO CONSTRUCT NEW HIGHWAY IN NEPAL

1. QNCORDING TO RSS RELEASE FEB. 7, GOI HAS AGREED
TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY WORK ON NEW CENTRAL HILLS
HIGHWAY TMPRUN FROM DOLALGHAT TO DHANKUTA. GOI
WILL INITIALLY CONDUCT SURVEY AND FEASIBILITT STUDY
IN "NEAR FUTURE".*,

2. COMMENT: INDIA HAS BELN HOLDING BACK CTS AGREEMENT
TO CONSTRUCT DOLALGHAT AND DHANKUTA HIGHWAY EVEN THOUGH
IT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE SEVERAL
YEARS AGO TO UNDER-
TAKE PROJECT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FONMIN CHAVAN COMMUNI-
CATED INDIA'S WILLINGNESS
TO BEGIN PROJECT DURING HIS RECENT
VISIT TO NEPAL. CHAVAN ISN8 9 43PORTED CGAHAVE STATED INDIA'S
WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON
IN PRINCIPLE INCLUDING NEW CEMENT FACTORY AND
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS FACTORY. CARGO

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